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Information circular*

To: Members of delegations and staff

From: The Assistant Secretary-General for Central Support Services

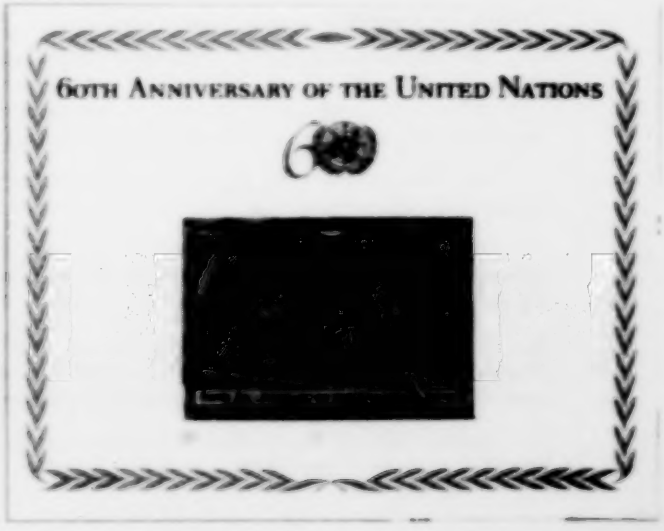
Subject: **First day of issue — 4 February 2005: "United Nations General Assembly: Celebrating the 60th Anniversary of the United Nations" Stamps and Souvenir Sheets**
Vienna Definitive Stamp

Commemorative stamps

1. On Friday, 4 February 2005, the United Nations Postal Administration (UNPA) will issue a set of three commemorative stamps on the theme "United Nations General Assembly: Celebrating the 60th Anniversary of the United Nations". The stamps will be issued in denominations of 80 cents, F.s. 1,30 and €0,55.

(United States equivalents: F.s. 1,30: $1.14 and €0,55: 73 cents subject to exchange-rate fluctuation.)

2. The stamps, which show an image of the General Assembly Hall, were designed and hand-engraved by Czeslaw Slania (Sweden).



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Souvenir sheets

3. Three souvenir sheets, also on the theme "60th Anniversary of the United Nations", will be released on 4 February 2005. The souvenir sheets, based on the General Assembly Hall stamp design, will be issued in denominations of $1.00, F.s. 3,00 and €2,10.

(United States equivalents: F.s. 3,00: $2.63 and €2,10: $2.79 subject to exchange-rate fluctuation.)

Definitive stamp

4. Also on 4 February, UNPA will issue a new €0,75 Vienna definitive stamp that depicts the Vienna International Centre. This is the second holographic stamp issued by UNPA, joining the 70¢ "Greetings from the United Nations" definitive (2003), and forms part of a three-stamp series with a holographic stamp scheduled to be released from UNPA Geneva office in 2006.

(United States equivalent: €0,75: 99 cents subject to exchange-rate fluctuation.)

General information

5. For the convenience of collectors, UNPA at Headquarters will provide prepared and cancelled New York, Geneva and Vienna first-day covers on the UNPA official first day cachets **only**. Members of delegations and the staff can obtain these items on Friday, 4 February at the following locations:

(a) The UNPA sales counter in the concourse of the General Assembly Building: 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.;

(b) A temporary sales counter on the east side of the Secretariat lobby, between the cafeteria and the news-stand and in front of the windows: 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

6. First-day-of-issue cancellations can be obtained at a temporary United States Postal Service substation located outside the United Nations Bookshop in the concourse of the General Assembly Building from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

7. Information on United Nations stamps can be accessed on the Internet at http://www.un.org/Depts/UNPA.